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New Methodist Pastor Arrives.
The Rev. C. O. Beckman, new pastor for the Newman M. E. church, and his family arrived in this city Wednesday morning and have taken up their residence in the parsonage, which the good ladies of the church had in apple-pie order for their reception.

Mr. Beckman comes to his work here with the best of recommendations as to his ability as a preacher and a pastoral worker. He was educated at De Pau University, Greencastle, Ind., and has been in the ministry for the past nine years, most of his work being in the northern Minnesota conference, where he filled some of the better appointments till he was compelled to leave that severe climate on account of his health. Coming to this state two years ago he accepted work at Gardiner, the only opening at that time. We bespeak for Mr. Beckman and his faithful wife a cordial welcome to our community.

School Report.
The following is the report of school in District No. 11, Leland, for the month ending Sept. 29, 1905:

Total number of pupils enrolled 26; number of days taught, 20; number of days attendance, 414; average daily attendance, 21; whole number of days absence, 44; whole number of times late, 41.

The following pupils were perfect in attendance: Winifred Fildes, Mabel Mand and George Walter, Alva and Lee Wilson, Lizzie Miller failed only by a small percent of being perfect in attendance.

Jessie L. Scoville, Teacher.



POLICE COURT NEWS

of the other day read, "The prisoner had on him only an empty purse and a handkerchief." Goodness gracious, chief, send that man around here immediately. At least let the poor man get a pair of the Kazoo trousers we are selling for \$1.25. Do you need them? We have some especially good values in Fall and Winter Suitings at \$5.75, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.50 and up to \$27.00.

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Items of Personal Interest.

Geo. Riddle and wife went to Portland Thursday for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gunnell went to Portland Monday to be absent a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coe, Pauline and Luther left Thursday evening for a visit at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Pollock left Wednesday evening for a ten days' trip to Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Frances Church, of Oberlin, Ohio, arrived last week to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. A. Conklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Thoss left Tuesday for Tolman Springs with the hope of gaining an improvement in Mrs. Thoss' health.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. J. Strohecker, former residents of Grants Pass, but now living at Garfield, Wash., are visiting friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Hicks, of Henley, Cal., arrived in Grants Pass last Friday and remained until Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Curtis.

A. Letcher, J. Wolke and G. D. Williams are on a hunting trip this week to the Elk creek country. They will probably be gone about ten days.

H. S. Prescott went to Portland Saturday to meet his father, J. M. Prescott, who came from Waterloo, Ill., to make Grants Pass his home. They arrived here Tuesday.

S. F. Steel, wife and three children, arrived Monday from Eureka and will probably locate here. They were here last winter, storing their goods to go to Eureka for the summer.

John Minor Booth left Tuesday for Portland and Seattle where he will meet his wife and baby. In Portland he will attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, in session there next week.

W. F. Heskett and wife, of Marshall, Mo., are visiting their nephew, J. W. Baker. Mr. Heskett had for years been proprietor of a livery business in Marshall, selling out his business just prior to coming West.

John Harding left Wednesday for Newark, N. J., after spending the summer here with his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Denison. Mrs. Denison accompanied him as far as Portland, where she will spend a week or more.

S. M. Wertz, a farmer of Williams creek, was in Grants Pass Tuesday to accompany his mother, Mrs. M. E. V. Wertz, to the train, which she took for her home near Coleson. Mrs. Wertz had spent three weeks visiting her son.

M. A. Fisher, of Sacramento, one of the stockholders of the Baby mine, was in Grants Pass Monday and visited the mine. Mr. Fisher expresses himself as very much pleased with the work at the Baby mine and says it is probable that more stamps will be added soon.

Mrs. Sarah L. Rockwell arrived this week from Cory, Mich., to spend the winter with her brother, F. G. Burns, whom she had not met for 48 years. She was accompanied by Frank Rockwell, her son, who will visit her for a few weeks and then return to Michigan.

Mrs. M. F. Owens left Tuesday for her home at Oakland, Cal., after spending three weeks in Grants Pass at the home of her brother, W. P. Wright. Mrs. Owens had visited the fair before coming to Grants Pass. She was greatly pleased with this city and especially with the scenery of Southern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Grabill, of Greenville, Mich., will arrive this Friday evening to spend several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Voorhis. Mr. and Mrs. Grabill have been attending the annual meeting of the American Board of Congregational Foreign Missions, at Seattle, being delegates to that body. Mrs. Grabill has been the Michigan state H. M. treasurer for 25 consecutive years. Mr. Grabill is now and has been publisher of the Greenville Independent for more than 40 years.

Woman's Club to Meet
A regular meeting of the Grants Pass Woman's Club will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, at 2:30 p. m., in the A. O. U. W. hall. A full attendance is desired, as there is business of importance to transact.

Sarah Cleverger, President.
Jennie Davis, Secretary.

Azalia Circle Meeting.
There will be a meeting of members of Azalia Circle, at Woodmen hall, Monday evening, Oct. 9th, at 7:30, to arrange for unveiling ceremonies of monuments of deceased members. All members are requested to attend.

W. E. Dean, Clerk pro tem.

BORN.
WILLIAMS—To Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams residing near Wertz's mill, on Wednesday, September 25, 1905, a son.

MARRIED.
WILLIAMS—KNUTSON—At the home of G. Osipov, Friday, September 9, 1905, T. J. B. Williams and Miss Clara Knutson, Rev. Clark Bower officiating.

The bride and groom left on the evening train for a ten days' stay at Portland and also to visit the bride's mother at Silverton.

SCHMIDT—HARRINGTON—At the home of the bride's mother in this city, Wednesday, October 4, 1905, Frederick Schmidt and Miss Nellie Harrington, both of Grants Pass, Rev. W. T. Goulder officiating.

Mr. Schmidt is a highly respected young man of this city, having lived here since early childhood, and his bride is one of the most popular young ladies of this place and both have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. Lee does not feel much encouraged over the future prospects for the water melon industry of this valley as he thinks enough farmers will continue to grow melons even a few for home use, and thus keep alive the spores of the wilt fungus. Were there a law that would prohibit the growing of water melons on infected land for not less than three years the disease could be eradicated. This wilt does not attack cantaloups and casabas so the growing of these delicious melons for which Rogue River Valley has become famous, may be continued. This valley has the soil and climate to raise water melons to a great perfection as Georgia and when the growers learn how to successfully combat the pests Rogue River Valley will become a great melon district and ship hundreds of car loads each season. Melon growing will eventually become one of the most profitable industries of Southern Oregon for the market in the cities to the north, even as far as Alaska; is steadily increasing while the districts that can grow good melons are but limited in area, so there will be no danger of a glutted market.

RED LETTER DAYS WERE A SUCCESS

Grants Pass Merchants Plan to Have Big Time Each Year.

The Red Letter Days inaugurated this fall by the merchants of Grants Pass proved such a success that these special sales and sporting events will be made a permanent feature and hereafter will be held each fall and possibly oftener. As a method of drawing trade to the city from a distance these special sales with the added attractions of sports and a big barbecue have proven a decided success and the merchants fully repaid for the big expense that they incurred in carrying it out. The attendance was very good, but that of Thursday and Friday was materially lessened by the rains and threatening weather which kept many away. Saturday the weather was delightful and a big crowd was out enjoying the day and making purchases, all the leading stores having an extra force of clerks and had a big day's trade.

Saturday's sports opened with a street parade, which was led by the Cornsacker band, whose playing brought applause from the onlookers. A delegation of M. W. A., in full uniform, was an interesting feature of the parade. The rock drilling contest caused a big crowd to congregate at the depot park, where the contest was held. Two teams entered to contest for the purse of \$100 that was put up by the business men. Harrington and Silgo were the first to drill and in the 15 minutes allowed by the rules of the contest they sunk a hole in the rock to a depth of 34 1/2 inches. Their steel stood the work in good shape and they made the contest with no great effort. Savage and Sundry then took their turn at drilling but they were handicapped by bad steel. Two drill points broke for them, one soon after they got the hole started. But the boys drilled the harder and drove their drills through the broken bits of steel and ran their hole to a depth of 29 1/2 inches. It was generally conceded that had their drills stood the work that they would have made the contest exceedingly close with the other team and possibly won the purse. The rock was a fine piece of granite hard and even texture and the winning team made a record that would have been hard to beat.

A baseball game on the A. A. C. grounds next engaged the attention of the spectators. The game was between the A. A. C. team of this city and the Gold Hill team and it was played with considerable spirit and some good work was done by both teams. The score stood 7 to 8 in favor of the Gold Hill boys.

The baseball closed the games of the day and in the evening an open air concert was given by the Grants Pass Concert Band on Sixth street that was one of the most pleasing features of the days' exercises and a fitting close to the Red Letter events of the three days carnival.

MELON INDUSTRY IN BAD SHAPE
The Wilt Has Made It Impossible to Grow Watermelons Near Grants Pass.

T. P. Lee, who heretofore has been one of the largest melon growers in Rogue River Valley, has decided to give up the business as it has become too unprofitable. "He had in 40 acres to melons this year but will plant none next year."

Mr. Lee gives two reasons for his abandoning melon growing, one that the commission men allow the grower too small a margin of profit and the other, the ravages of the wilt which has made it impossible to grow watermelons until it is eradicated. This pest, so Prof. A. B. Cordley, entomologist of the State Agricultural College, reports, is a fungus that will hold its vitality for as long as three years in the soil of a melon field and that the only certain way of eradicating the pest is to cease growing melons on the land and put it to other crops for at least three years. Mr. Lee states that nearly every melon field on Rogue river in the vicinity of Grants Pass was affected with the wilt this season, the only melons free from the pest being those on the Applegate, to which it has not yet spread, and that as it has increased in its deadly work each season since it was first introduced about five years ago, there is little likelihood that melons for the market will be grown next year in this locality. Mr. Lee shipped but 12 cars of melons this season, which was made up of those from his own field and those he bought of other growers. This was the bulk of the shipments for Grants Pass and he is of the opinion that there will not be even one car load of water melons shipped from here next year.

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A Brief Record of Local Events.

Parties wishing to buy or sell mining property will do well to communicate with S. Meyer, Merlin, Ore.

W. T. Perry has just purchased of G. A. Savage a 20-acre tract in the northeast part of town. He will soon build and make the place his home.

The Order of Pendo will give a dance at Clemens' hall, Saturday night, Oct. 14, at which they will be pleased to see all their friends. Tickets 50 cents.

Sir Knights and Ladies of the Mac Cabees will give a sheet and pillow case mask ball at Clemens' hall on Halloween Oct. 30. Gentlemen maskers 50c, spectators 25c, lady maskers free.

Grants Pass is to have another millinery store. This new store will be opened next week by Mrs. E. E. Waughral, in the storeroom owned by her mother, Mrs. W. E. Brown, and in which the latter now has a stock of drygoods and notions. Mrs. Waughral came from California last Spring and was in the millinery business in that state for several years.

The honor of being the oldest person attending the Red Letter Day carnival in Grants Pass doubtless belongs to S. B. Alverson, who on Saturday last was 91 years, 1 month and 12 days old. Mr. Alverson resides with his son, H. Alverson, at their farm home four miles down Rogue river from Grants Pass, and he is as hearty and active as the average man of 75. He spent last Saturday enjoying the features of the carnival.

Guy Sleeper, a hoppicker, is the happy possessor of an \$18 suit of clothes from Geo. S. Calhoun Co.'s hop picking contest having picked 479 pounds in one day at the John Ranzau high trellis yards, the largest hop yard in Southern Oregon. Mr. Calhoun, of the big Calhoun clothing establishment originated this novel idea as a means of advertising, making the offer of a suit of clothes, winners selection, to the boy 16 years old or under who picked the most hops on any one day during hop picking. Much interest has been taken in the matter and most of the yards in Josephine county entering into the contest including the Weston, Patton, Jewell, Ament and many other yards. Ira Mallory, foreman of the Ranzau yards, especially compliments Guy Sleeper on his clean picking and deftness. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his good fortune.

Bell Ringers Monday Night
The Parland Newhall Company will appear at the Opera House Monday evening, Oct. 9th. The bell ringing feature consists of a peal of more than 100 hand bells, the finest in America, giving besides a range of five octaves, four octaves of duplicates, thus enabling them to put a wealth of harmony in all their selections. The Omaha Bee, referring to one of their concerts in that city, says: "The modulations in 'Narcissus' made a genuine busy-body of Mr. Parland, who manipulated the big, deep toned bells, but he got through marvelously." Seats now on sale at DePuy's.

Advertised Letters.
Following is the list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Grants Pass postoffice for the week ending Sept. 30, 1905:

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Rev. C. W. Myers Mr. E. H. Miller
Charles Messenger Dan McDonald
J. R. Hanton J. Smith
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FIRST DEATH BY ELECTRIC SHOCK

Thomas Shields Killed at Condon Company's Substation in Central Point.

While every town of any size in Rogue River Valley is lighted by electricity and there are many electric plants, one of them, the Condon, one of the largest on the Pacific Coast, and there are hundreds of miles of wire carrying electric current to all sections of the Valley, some carrying as high as 20,000 volts, yet until this week not a man had been killed by an electric shock.

The first victim to the terrific power of electricity, when it gets beyond man's control, was Thomas M. Shields, an employe of the Condon Power & Water Company, as line patrolman on the company's lines between Gold Hill, Ashland and Jacksonville. Monday while taking a dead wire out of the substation at Central Point it caught and he gave it a jerk, which threw it in contact with a live wire carrying 20,000 volts current. Mr. Shields was standing outside of the building on the ground. While the contact of the dead wire with the live wire was but for an instant yet such a heavy current passed through his body as to burn his hands and burned the grass on the ground about where he fell. Physicians were summoned and every effort made to revive him, yet it was unavailing. His burial took place Tuesday at Central Point.

Mr. Shields was about 21 years of age and was married last June to a young lady of Central Point, where was his home. He had been in the employ of the Condon Company for the past year and was considered a trustworthy and industrious man.

CRUDE PETROLEUM FOR WAGON ROADS

A Success in California, and is Being Tried in Yamhill County.

Crude California petroleum, having proven such a success in California for surfacing roads, has been given a trial in several Oregon counties this summer. Of an experiment that is being made with oil on one of the streets in Carlton, in Yamhill county, the McMinnville Reporter has the following to say: "Last Friday night the hose company was called out to give the street a thorough soaking preparatory to fitting the ground for a fresh coat of oil. The car load of oil put on in the Spring has been highly satisfactory. The dirt of the street was dug up loose to the depth of four inches and the oil carefully worked into it. It is believed that by putting on another coat of oil before the rainy season sets in it will turn water and leave a smooth, hard surface for winter wear. If the experiment proves as successful for Winter as it has for Summer petroleum is the key that will unlock the door of the 'good roads' problem, and the dust of Summer and the mud of Winter will no longer be looked upon as the things too to be dreaded in the Willamette Valley. As crude oil costs 80 or 90 cents a barrel the expense is so light that it will pay to oil county roads."

Geo. B. Hart Drowned.
A press dispatch from Manila, under date of Oct. 2, states that among those who lost their lives on the U. S. coast guard cutter Lays, was Geo. B. Hart. Mr. Hart was a former resident of Grants Pass and has a sister living here, Mrs. J. Pardee. So far Mrs. Pardee has received no word confirming the dispatch. There was another Geo. B. Hart at Manila a year or so ago and it may have been this one that lost his life during the typhoon.

The Roach's
The Roach Dramatic and Gift Enterprises close a very successful weeks engagement Saturday night at the Opera House. This company has given entire satisfaction up to the present writing and we are looking forward to Saturday night's production of "The Western Girl." The press of other cities has pronounced this one of the strongest melo-dramas seen on this coast in some time and should crowd the Opera House to the doors. The Roaches are featuring Johnnie and Florence Pringle this season and we must say they are two very clever and versatile people, proving themselves to be all that has been said of them. Morris Foster, as the heavy man in the cast, is above the usual, and Herbert Foster is also worthy of mention in his several character parts. The gifts given by the Roach Co. are presented each night and are all high priced articles. Friday night a \$50 Optic Bicycle is to be given away and Saturday the Sewing machine.

Klimt and Gazzzolo's great \$10,000 production, "On the Bridge at Midnight," which is coming, has other remarkable scenes besides the celebrated reproduction of the jacksnipe bridge over the Chicago river. Every act has a most interesting setting and is a fitting compliment for a most interesting story in which the love and devotion of a blind mother and a stolen child play important parts. Klimt and Gazzzolo have provided an exceptionally strong company and this with Mr. Klimt's well known reputation as a producer has made "On the Bridge at Midnight" one of the best attractions out this season.—Opera House, Saturday, Oct. 15, Seats on sale at DePuy's. Prices, 35c, 50c and 75c.

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